Christian World View

TRUTH

God is relational truth

God is Relational Truth
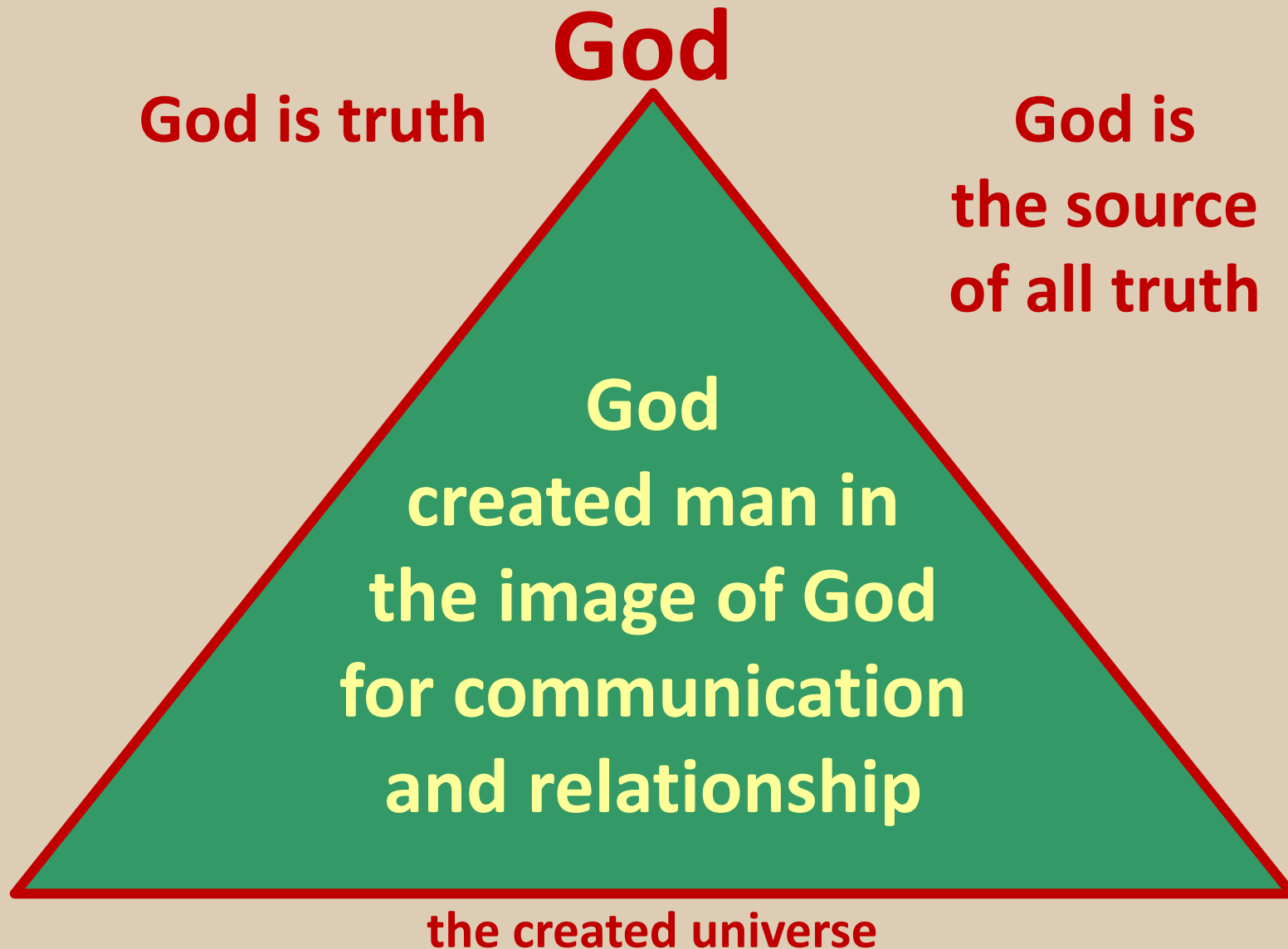## the God of creation

God

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."
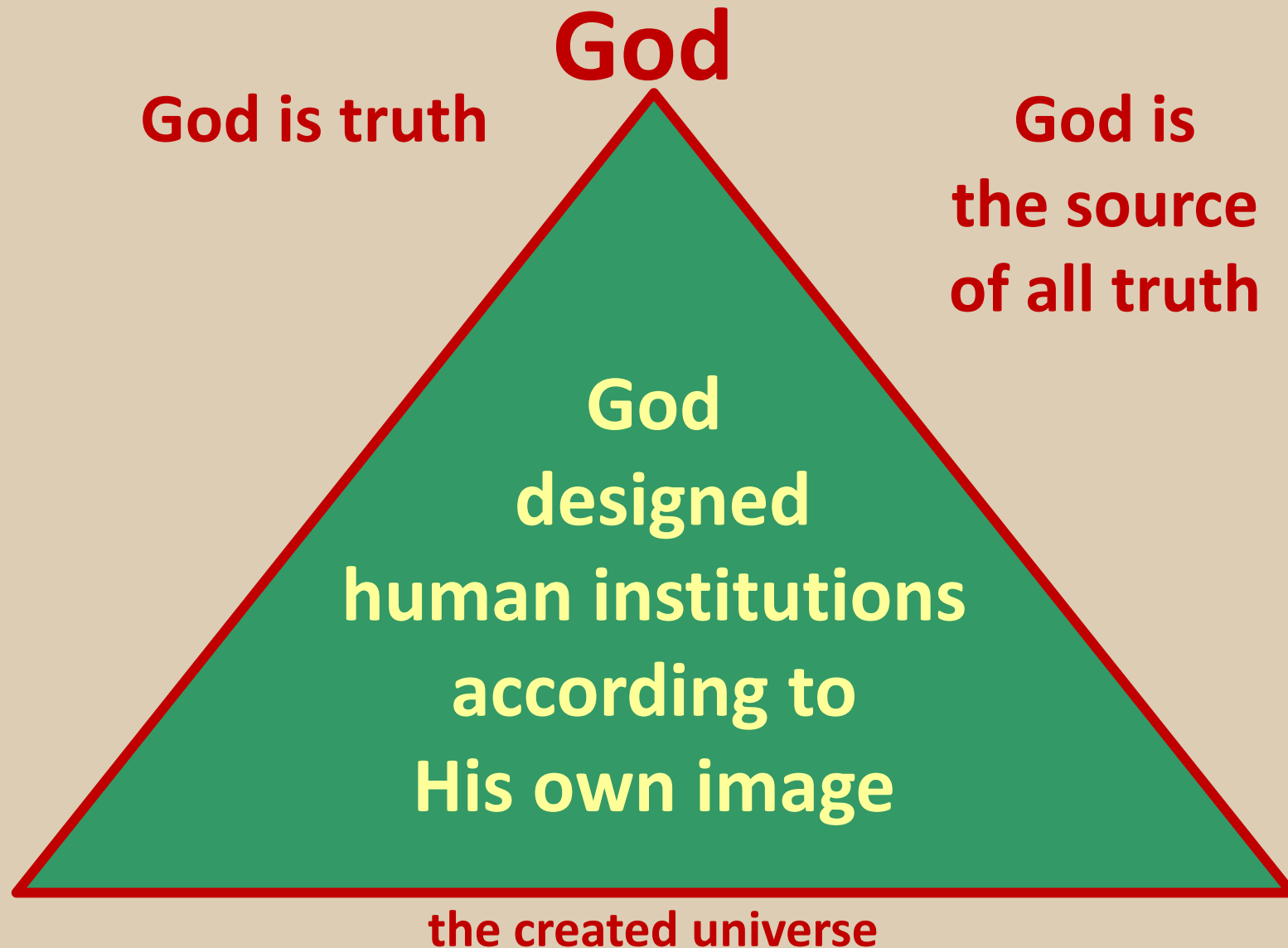Genesis 1:1

the created universe

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God is Relational Truth
the God of communication

God

God is truth

God is the source of all truth

God created man in the image of God for communication and relationship

the created universe

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God is Relational Truth
the God of truth

God

God is truth

God is the source of all truth

God designed human institutions according to His own image

the created universe

God is Relational Truth
the God of design

God

God is truth

God is the source of all truth

person

family

government

church

business

the created universe

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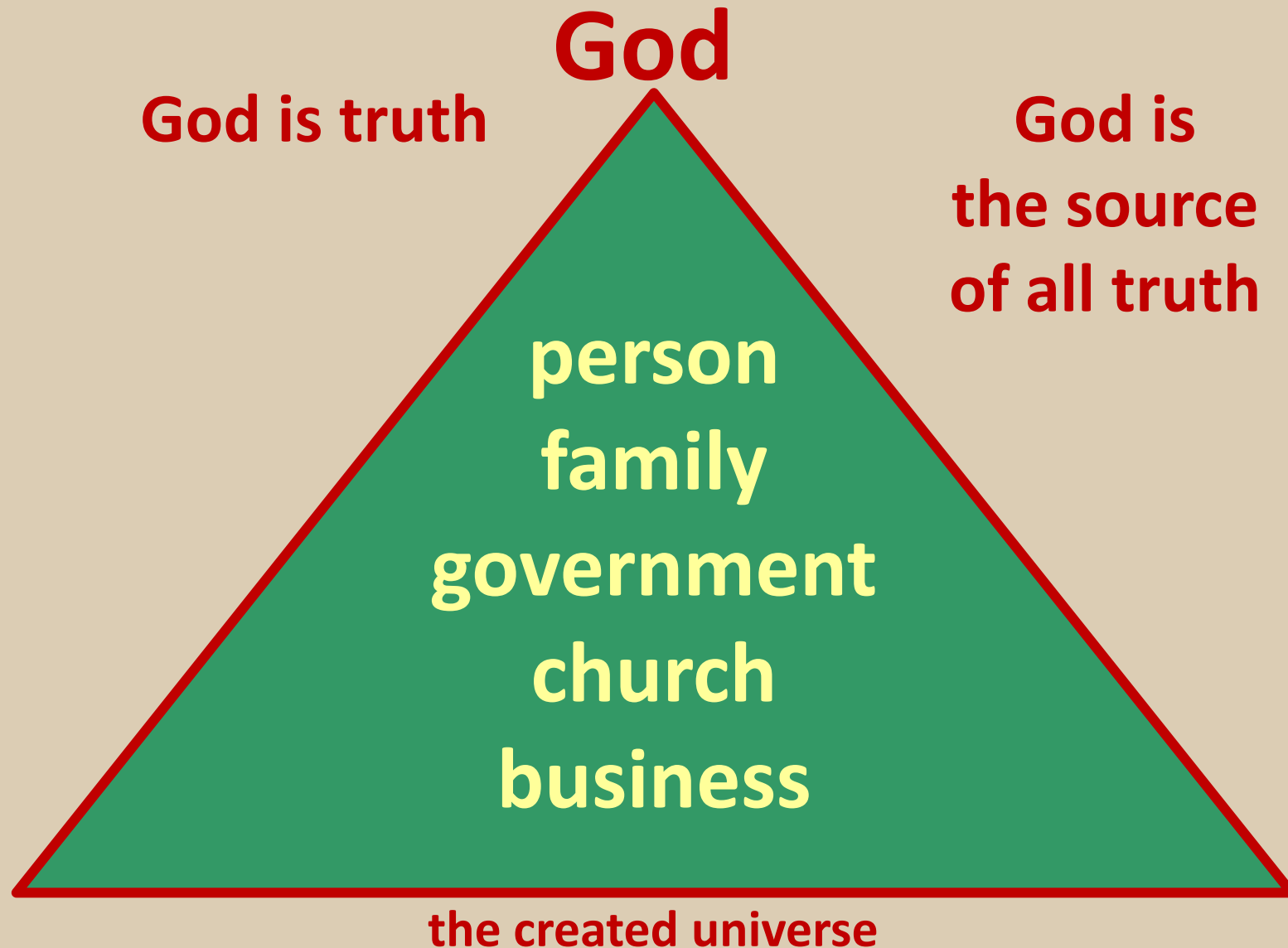
God is Relational Truth
the relational God

God is one · **Monotheism**

God is one essence
  one "heart" · affections
  one "mind" · intellect
  one "will" · volition

Father
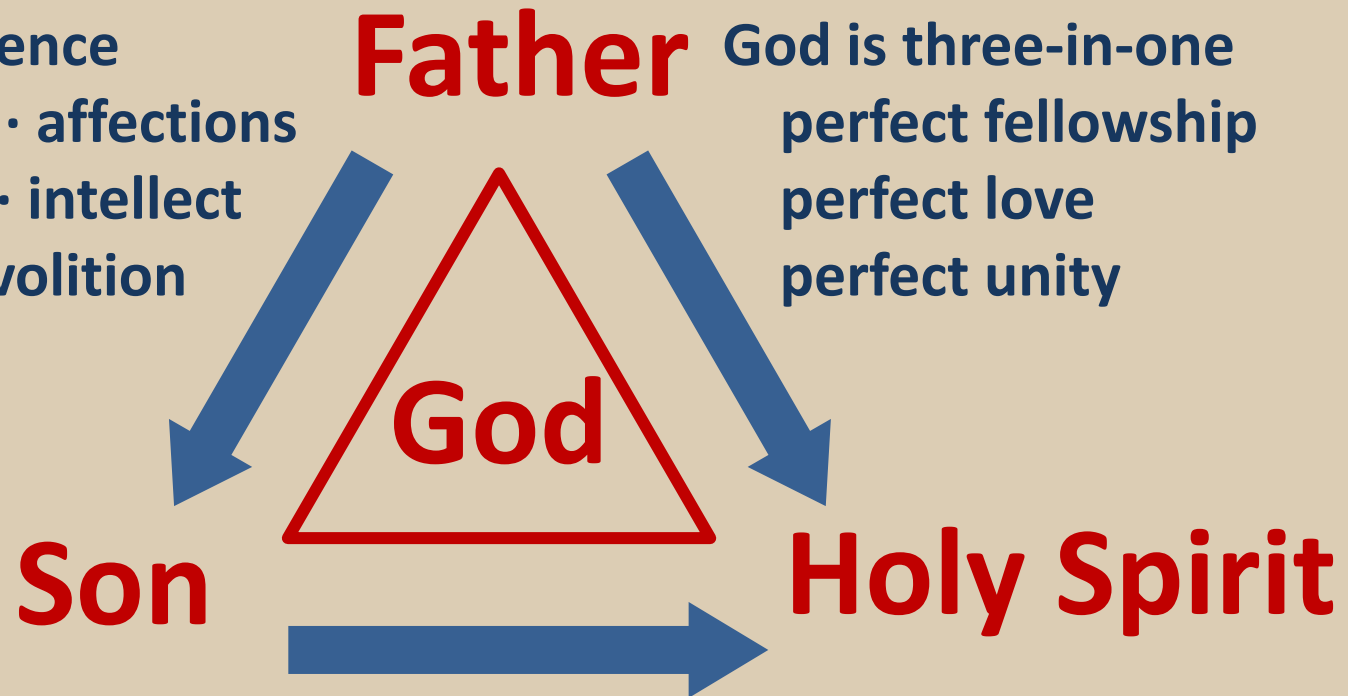
God

Son

Holy Spirit

the Triune God is <u>relational</u>

God is three-in-one
  perfect fellowship
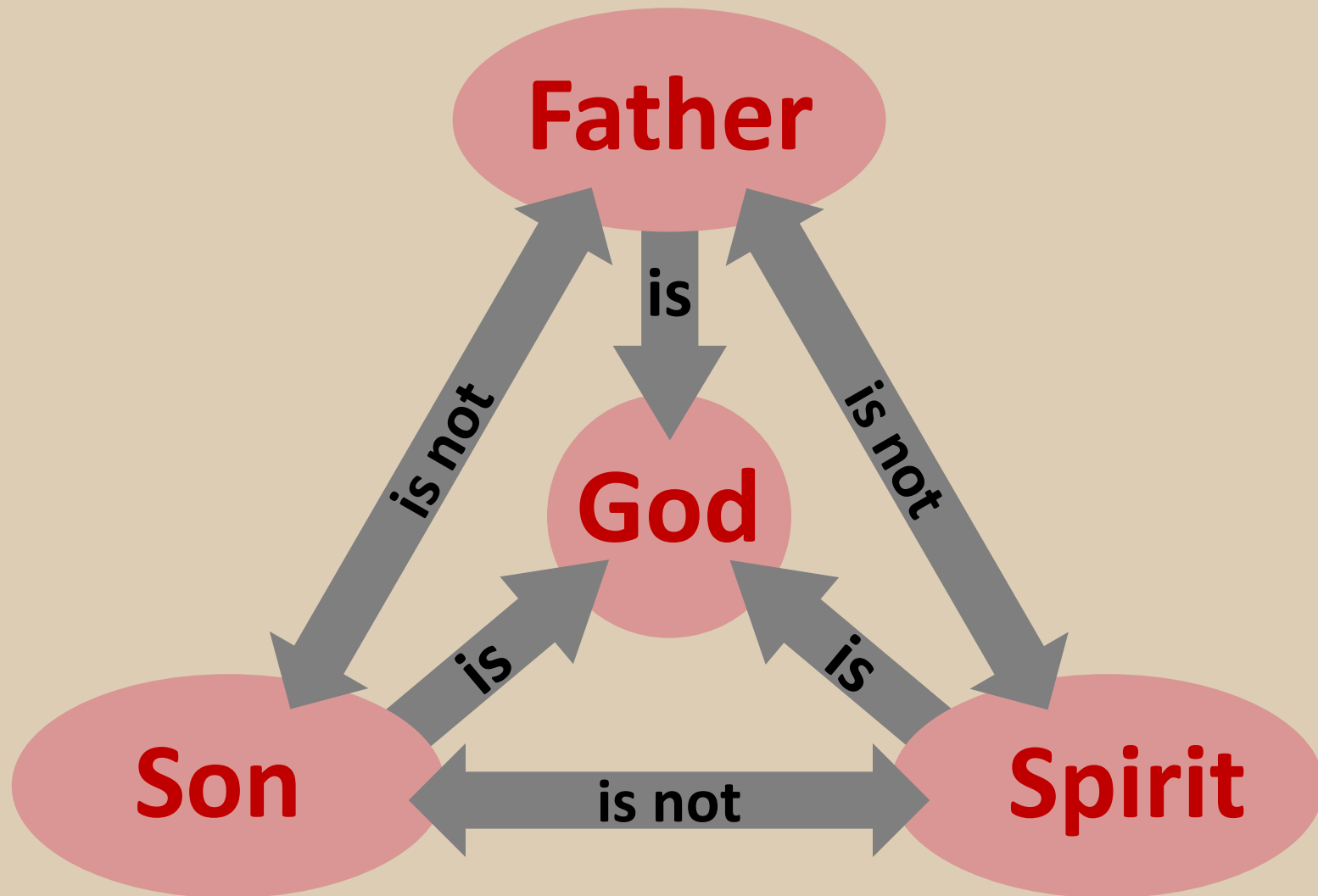 perfect love
  perfect unity

God is "three-in-one" = Triune

God is Father, Son & Holy Spirit = Trinity

God is three persons · infinite · eternal · co-equal
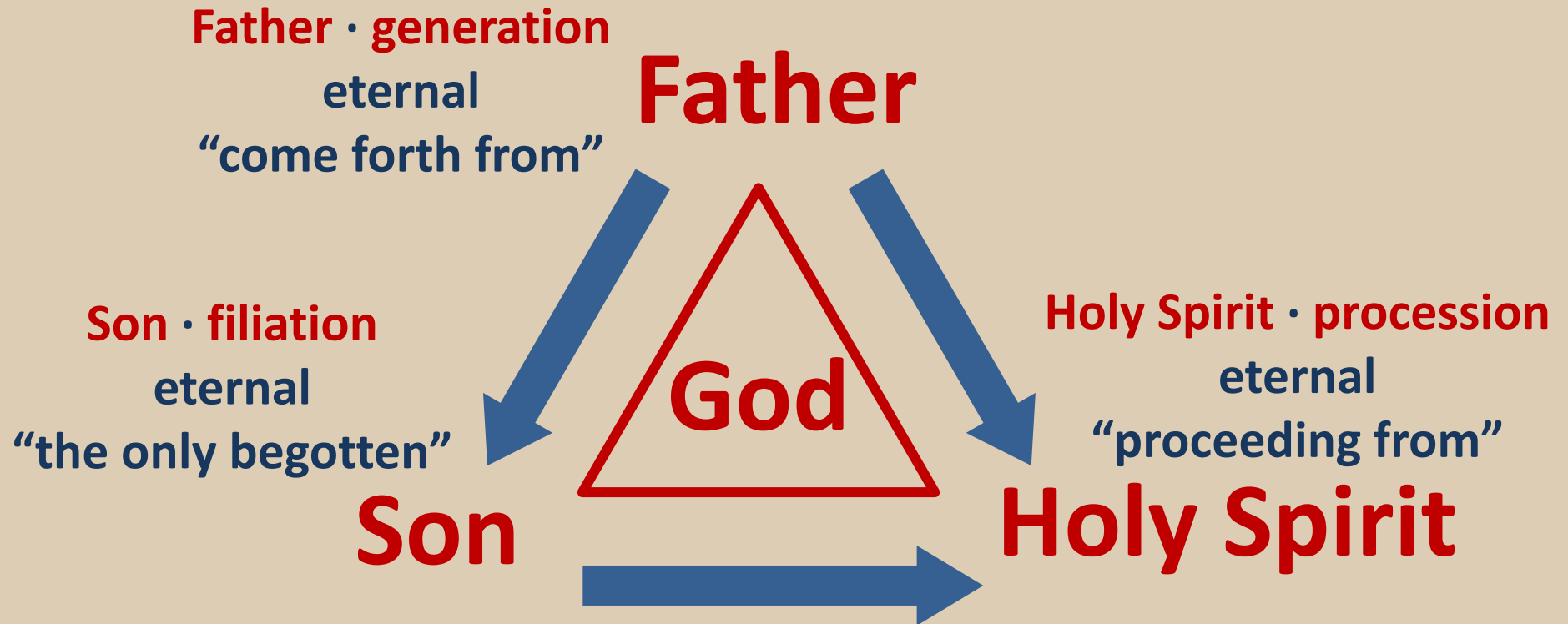**each person not the other · each fully God**

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the relational God

Father

is

is not

is not

God

is

is

Son

is not

Spirit

Scutum Fidei = "Shield of Faith"

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the relational God

Father · generation
eternal
"come forth from"

Father

Son · filiation
eternal
"the only begotten"

Holy Spirit · procession
eternal
"proceeding from"
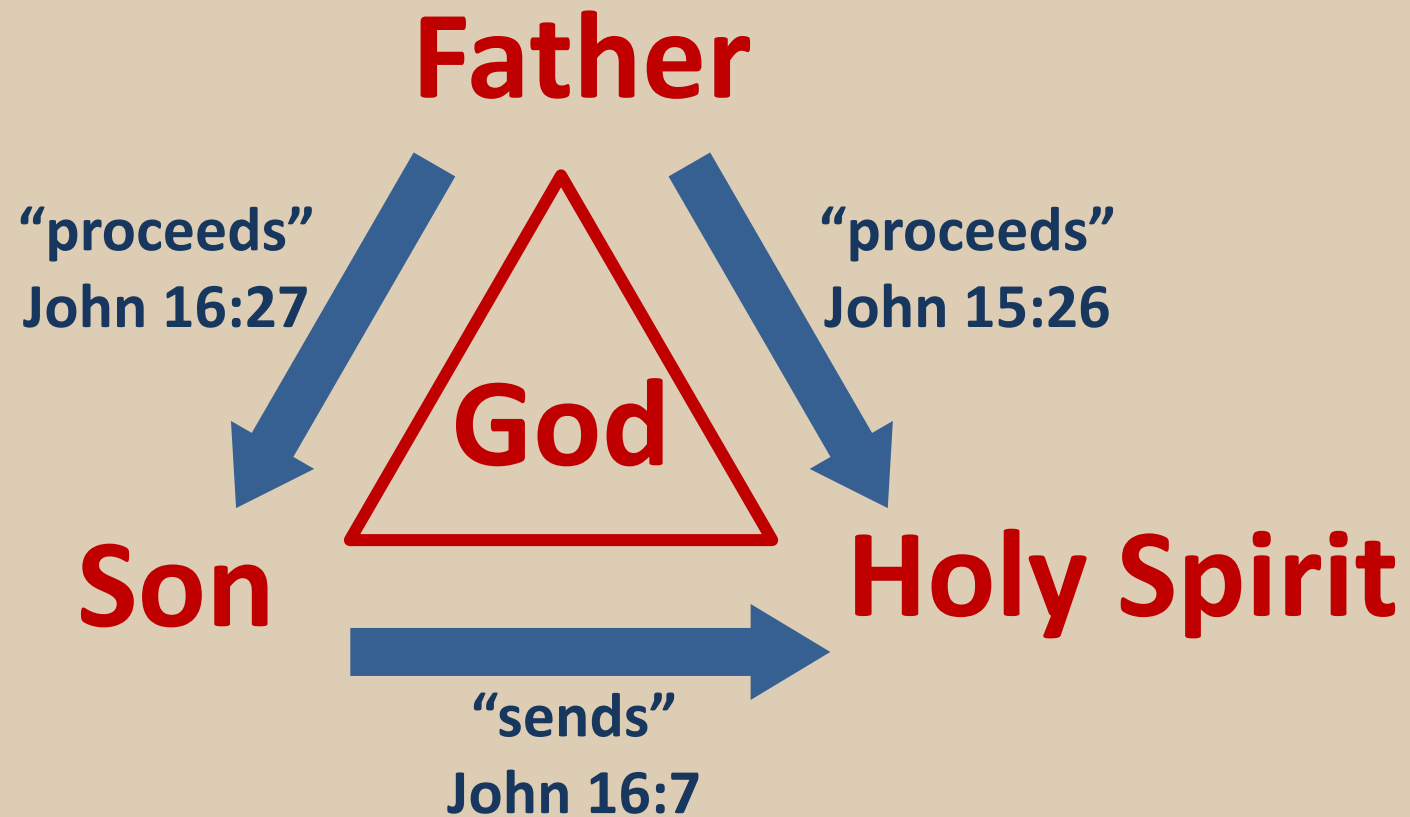
God

Son

Holy Spirit

Father = God from whom God exists · _not_ God from God

Son = God from God · God from whom God exists

Holy Spirit = God from God · _not_ God from whom God exists

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Father

"proceeds"
John 16:27

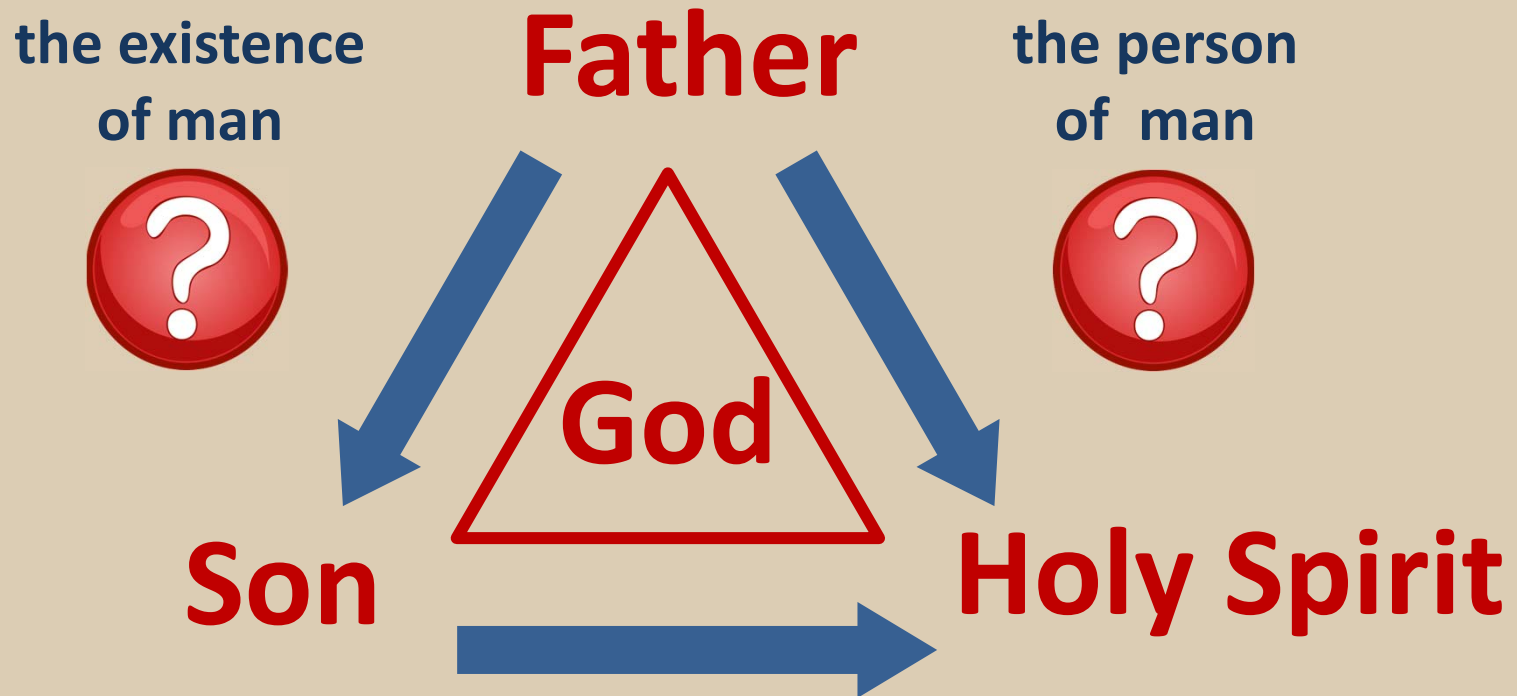"proceeds"
John 15:26

God

Son

Holy Spirit

"sends"
John 16:7

the mystery and wonder of the Triune God:
3-in-1 · same essence · union · diversity · co-equal · unity

God is Relational Truth
the relational man

the existence
of man

Father

the person
of man

God

Son

Holy Spirit
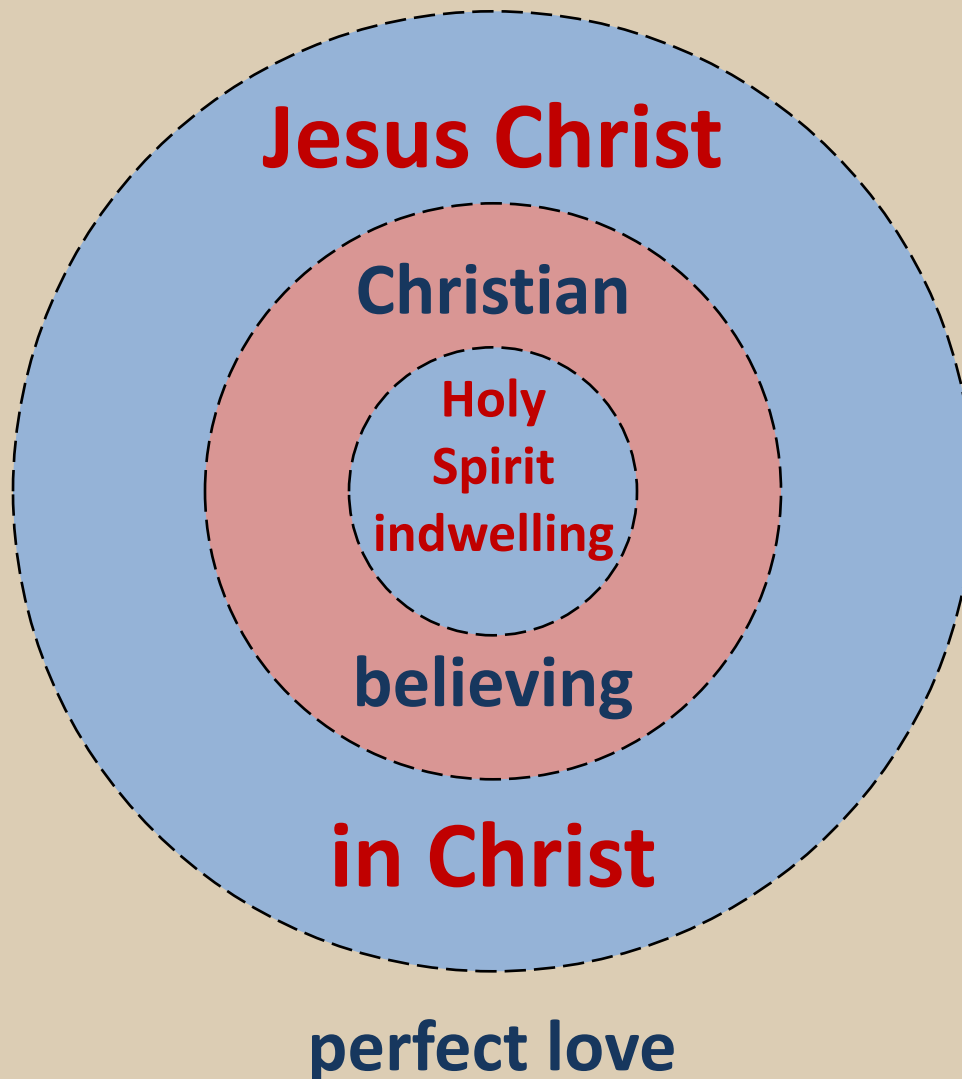
man was created in the image and likeness of God
finite man derives his existence from the infinite God
man derives his personhood from the personal Triune God
man, like God, is a relational being · capable of communication

God is Relational Truth
the union in the relational God

Jesus Christ

Christian

Holy
Spirit
indwelling

believing

in Christ
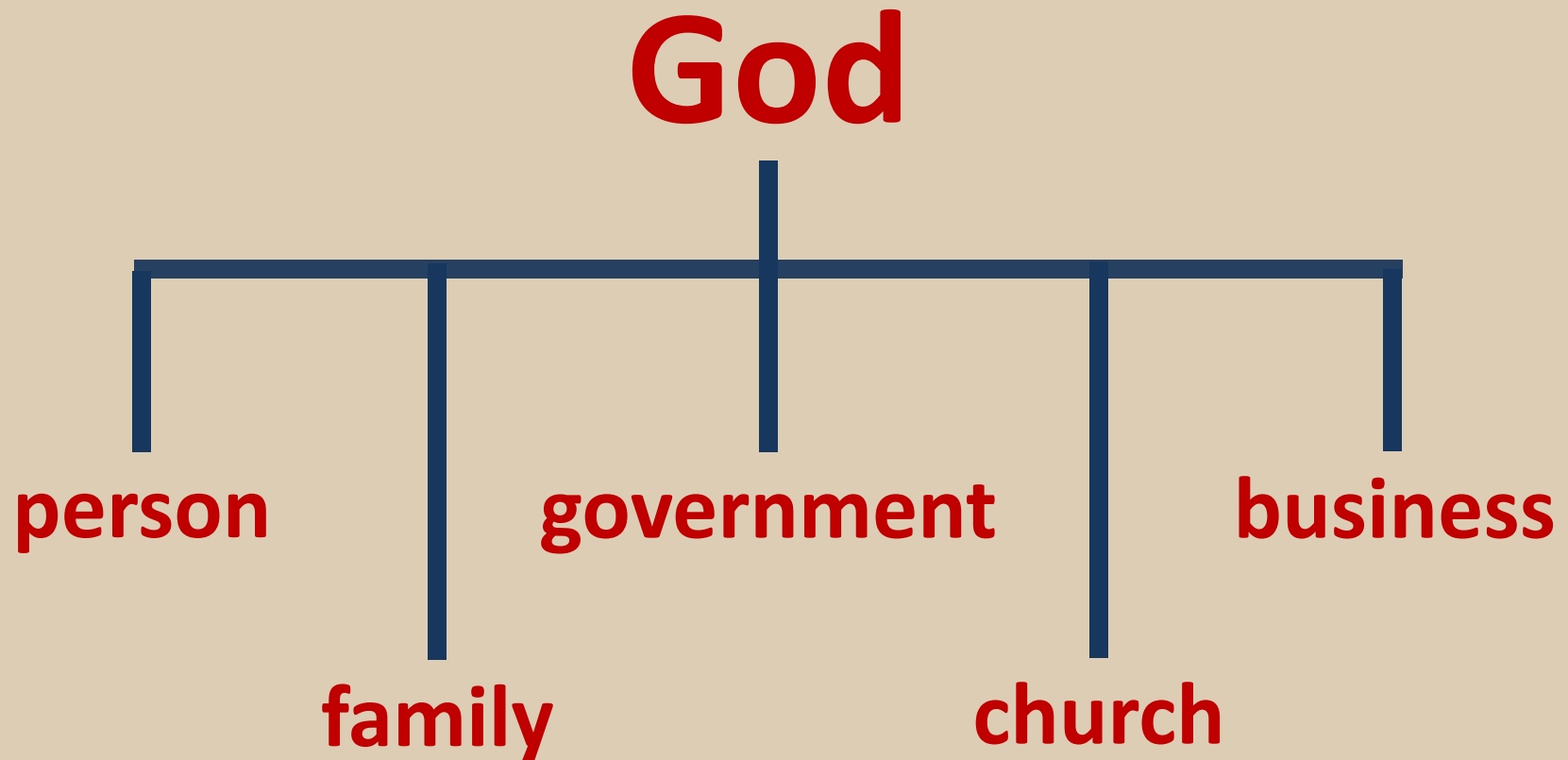
perfect love

unio mystica
<u>mystical union</u>

"I am in God"
"God is in Me"

"I am in Christ"
"Christ is in me"

"the Father in Christ"
"Christ in the Father"
"believers in Us"
"We abide in believers"

God is Relational Truth
the God-given areas of authority

God

person   **government**   **business**

family   **church**

all established by God
all responsible and accountable to Christ/God

God is Relational Truth
the God-given areas of authority

person authority → individual

    Genesis 1-3 · Adam and Eve with the tree

        the Ten Commandments · American founding fathers

family authority → husband & wife & children

    Genesis 2 · Adam and Eve in marriage

state authority → kings & rulers & citizens

    Genesis 11 · Tower of Babel and languages
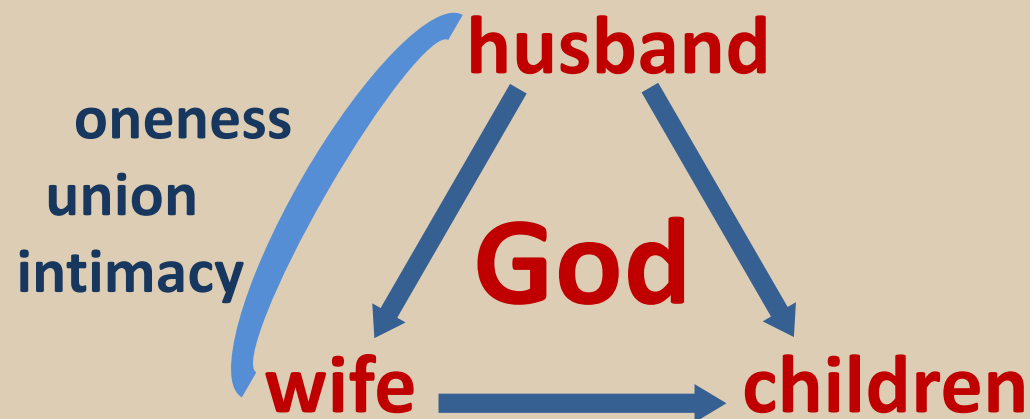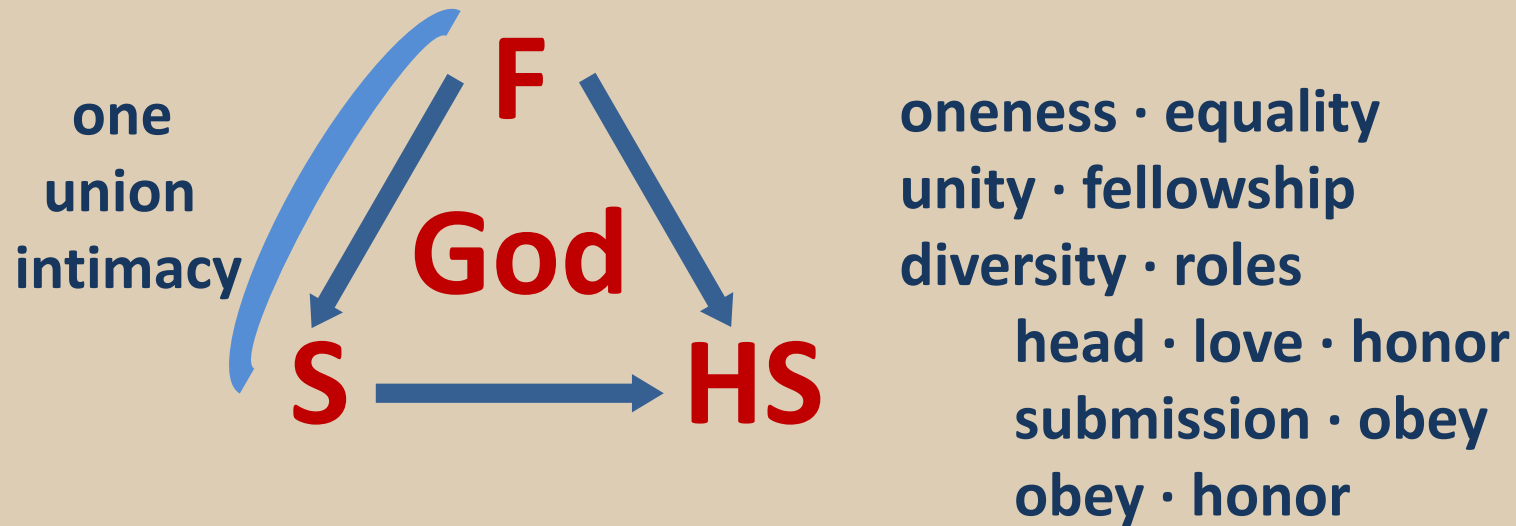
church authority → elders & deacons & members

    New Testament · Acts 2 and the Epistles

business authority → slaves & masters

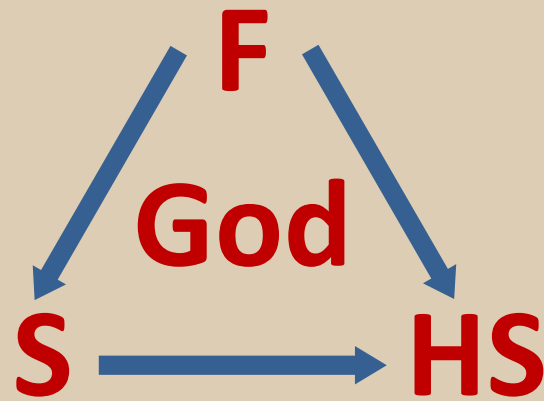   New Testament · Acts 2 and the Epistles

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God is Relational Truth

God → family

F

God

S → HS

one
union
intimacy

oneness · equality
unity · fellowship
diversity · roles
head · love · honor
submission · obey
obey · honor

husband

God

wife → children

oneness
union
intimacy

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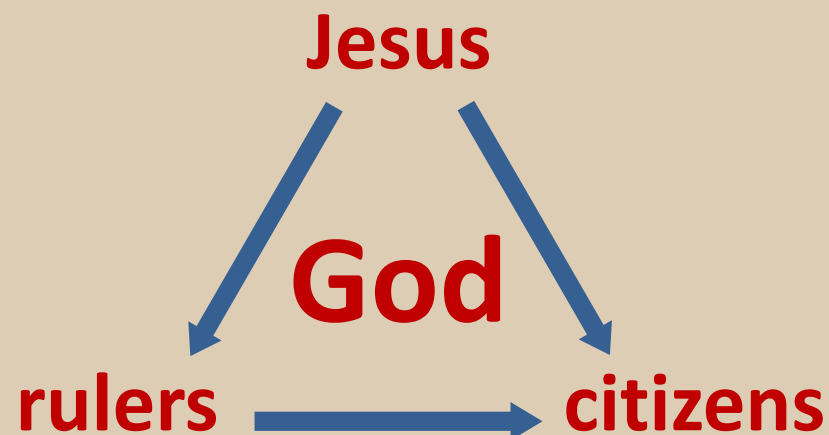
God → government

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God

S → HS

fellowship
coequal
diversity · roles
    authority · dominion
    minister of God
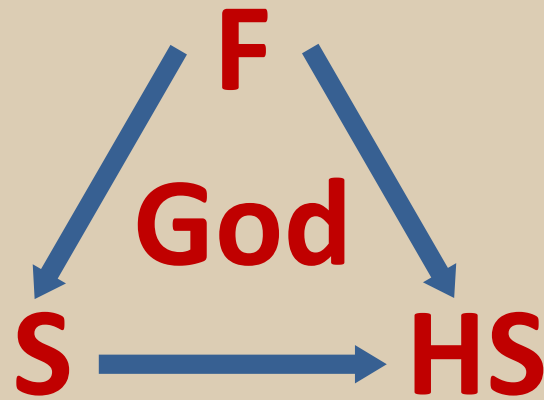   fear · honor · obey

Jesus

God

rulers → citizens

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God is Relational Truth

God → church

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God

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oneness
union
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oneness · equality
unity · fellowship
diversity · roles
head · love
shepherd · serve
submission · obey

Jesus

God

leaders → saints

oneness
union
intimacy

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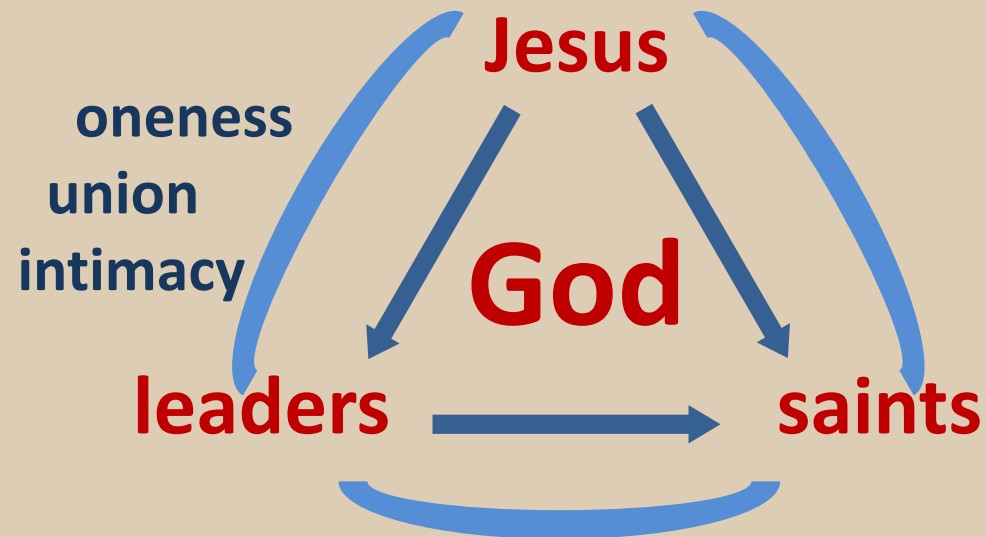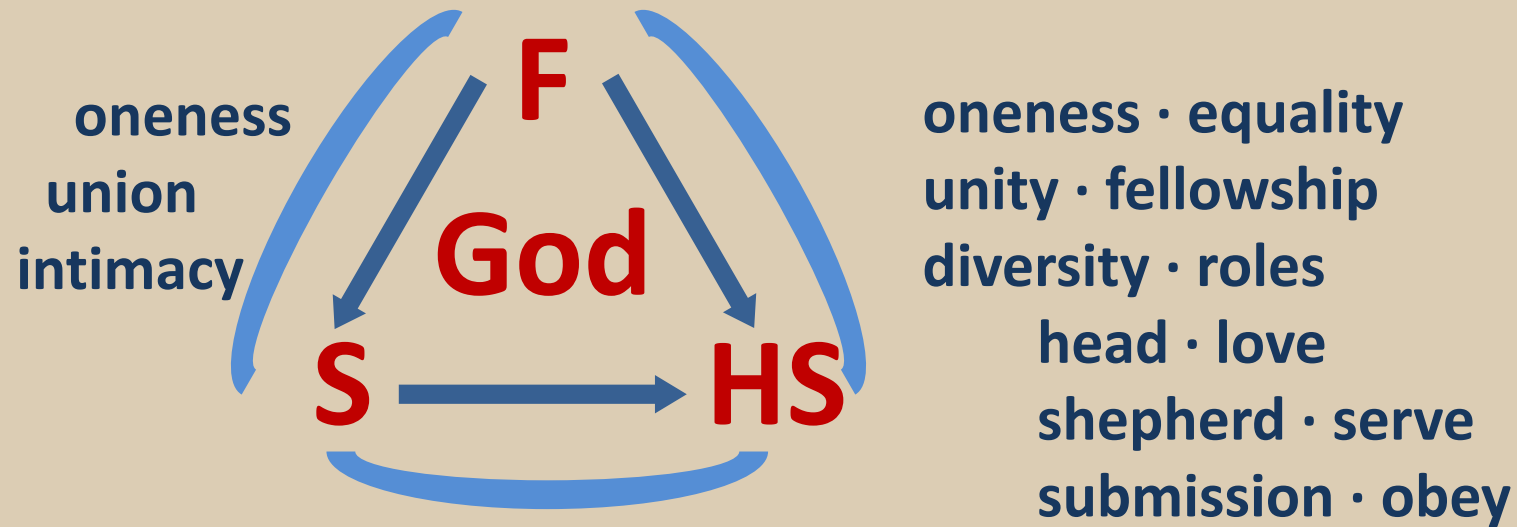
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God → business

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God

S ⟶ HS

fellowship
coequal
diversity · roles
    authority · dominion
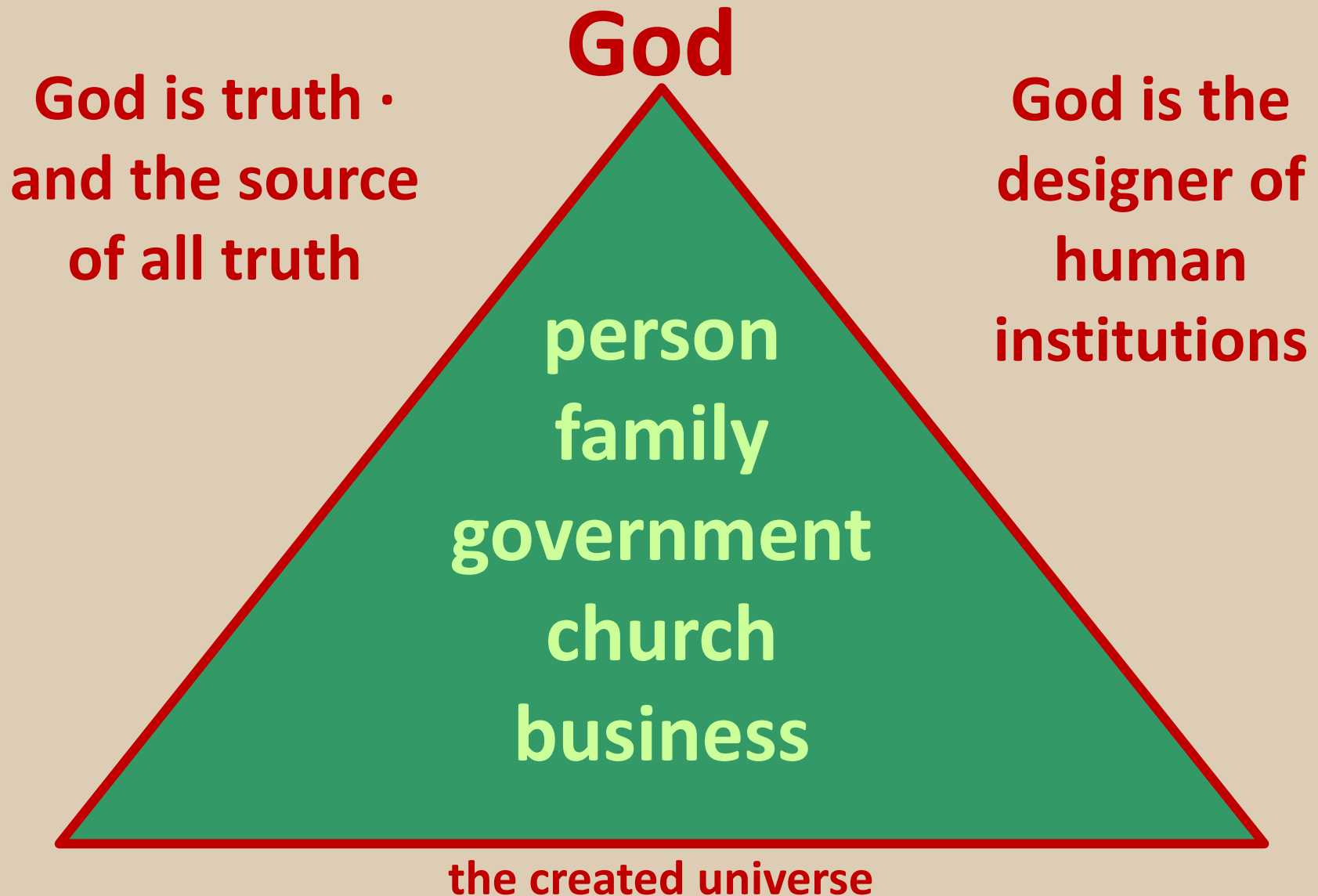   justice · fairness
    obey · serve the Lord

Jesus

God

master ⟶ slaves

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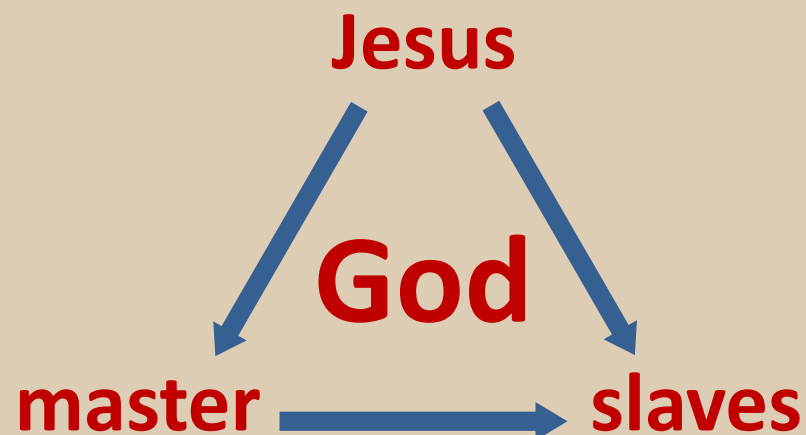
God is Relational Truth
the function of God's institutions

family

state   church

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God is Relational Truth
the God of design

God

**God is truth ·
and the source
of all truth**

**God is the
designer of
human
institutions**

person
family
government
church
business

the created universe
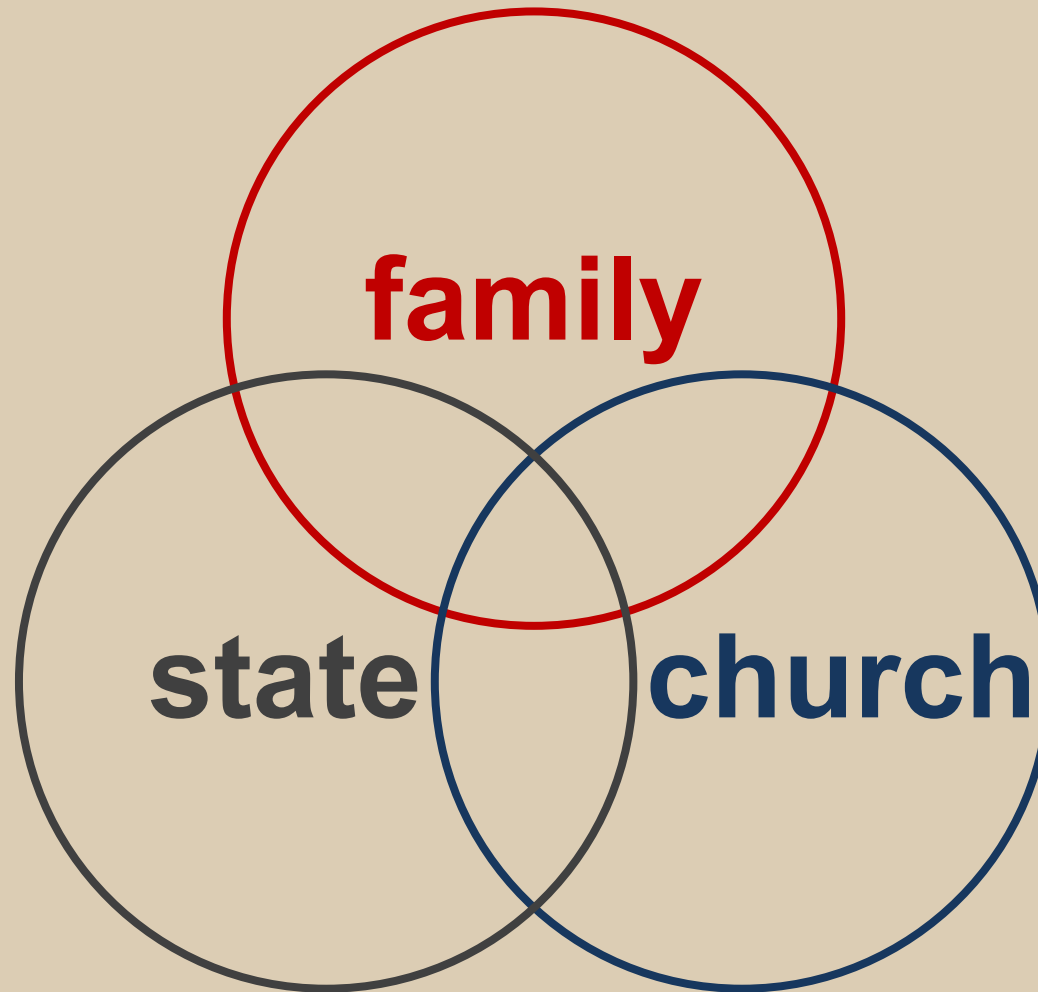
God is Relational Truth
God's design for His institutions

the first commandment:
"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

the second commandment:
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

On these two commandments depend the whole Law and Prophets.

Matthew 22:36-40